

Intricate quilts gain national recognition

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Shelly Coykendall's quilts are so detailed, most people would rather hang them on the wall than use them to keep warm.

"I used to say I'm a quilter, but I realized people were saying I'm more of a fiber artist," she said.

Intricate patterns of thread swirl across the top of each creation, forming feathers and flowers and animals. The flowing lines of stitches, which often pass within millimeters of each other, are all free-motion handwork by Coykendall, who steers the needle of her quilting machine by hand around the top of each quilt, following designs she created herself.

One of Coykendall's creations — a two-foot by two-foot "graffiti quilt" — is featured in this month's edition of Machine Quilting Unlimited magazine as the second place finisher in a national contest sponsored



Quilter Shelly Coykendall holds out one of her quilts in her work room at her home in Hermiston. Coykendall says her the detailed work on her quilts has been referred to as fiber art.

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by the magazine. The honor is one of dozens of awards that the Hermiston woman has earned over 10 years of quilting, a hobby she picked up after retirement.

"I think it pushes me, that competitive edge," she said

of entering contests and expos.

The Coykendall house is full of quilts, hanging over curtain rods along walls and draped over furniture. A large tan quilt with colorful diamonds and a dreamcatcher

adorns one wall in the hallway, while a patterned bedcover in fall colors sits in the guest room. The collection is just this season's quilts — Coykendall has a closet full of others ready for Christmastime, spring



The dove on a quilt, made by Shelly Coykendall, is an example of a raised trapunto design.

ground, starting at the center of the fabric and improvising patterns as she works outward.

"Every single one is going to be different," she said.

Coykendall said she always had an artistic nature growing up, but she didn't indulge it much past her art classes at school until she retired from Eastern Oregon Telecom and began experimenting with quilting techniques. She is mostly self-taught using DVDs and webinars.

Her husband Dennis, who says he's immensely proud of her, has his own hobby, woodworking, and has custom-built a number of racks, tables and desks for her quilting room.

Coykendall sometimes gives quilts away to family members and friends, but she doesn't have an interest in taking orders or selling the ones she completes.

"I'm not in it for business, I'm in it for fun," she said. "I don't want to take the joy out of quilting."

State police give Umatilla bomb robot

Robotics students will get to learn from robot used to inspect devices

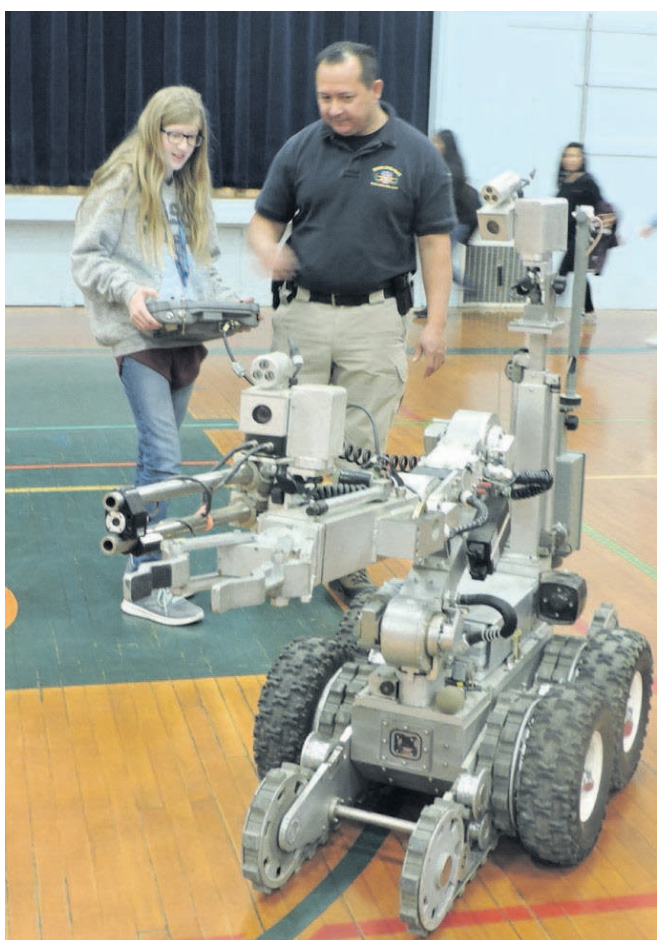
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The students of the Umatilla School District got a surprise on Monday when they found out they're the new caretakers of a robot. Not just any robot, either — a bomb-inspecting robot formerly used by the Oregon State Police.

Lt. Mike Turner told the students of Clara Brownell Middle School that he and some other officers had heard about Umatilla's active robotics program, and wanted to give the students the robot to help them apply the skills they're learning in the real world.

"A lot of what state troopers do is going out and patrolling the highway, but there are many other things we do as an agency," he said. "One of those things is the bomb technician program."

Turner and three members of the explosives division demonstrated three different robots for students: an ICore robot, a lightweight machine which can quickly climb stairs and is primarily used to observe and reach for objects, and a Remotec F6A, a heavy-duty robot which



Cheyenne Clark, a Umatilla seventh grader, talks with OSP Detective Placido Lopez about the robots the police use to handle potentially dangerous items.

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is used for visibility and to manipulate or open packages. Both robots had several cameras attached to them.

The third one, a Green Cub Robot, had a unique nickname.

"We call it 'Dill Pickle' because it's green," said Detective Placido Lopez.

The students were excited

to learn that the robot was there to stay. A student from each grade was picked out of the audience to learn how to drive the machines, which are operated by remote control.

"Our motto is 'start remote, stay remote,'" said Sgt. Karl Farber, explaining to the students how robots

allow the team to explore suspicious packages or materials, while keeping people away from potential explosives.

Even if students don't use their robotics skills to enter a law enforcement field, Superintendent Heidi Sipe said she was excited for students to see an example of the types of jobs available to kids with knowledge of the subject.

"Their robots are far more sophisticated systems than what we do," she said. "We'll let the kids disassemble them and learn, and apply the knowledge to what they work on."

The newer robots are radio-controlled, whereas the old one is controlled by fiber optics. Farber said that is a little more cumbersome.

But students were happy with the older model.

"We get to drive it, and make improvements if we want," said Cheyenne Clark, a seventh-grader at Clara Brownell who works as a programmer on the school's robotics team.

After the assembly, officers let students test out the robots. The Remotec F6A is strong enough to pull a person across the gym floor — a feature several Umatilla students had to test out for themselves.

Turner said he looks forward to checking back in with the team in a few months to see what they have learned.

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